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## La Porte community comes together to help 150 families for Christmas



La Porte's Blue Santa program gift drop-off points were monitored by Police Youth Explorers as well as LPISD representatives

After six months of fundraising through a partnership between several La Porte organizations, the community was able to provide Christmas toys to more than 150 families through the Blue Santa Program.

The program is a partnership between the La Porte Police Department, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Municipal Police Officers' Association, municipal court and La Porte Independent School District. The program's primary mission is to provide toys and Christmas dinners for needy children and their families in the La Porte area, many of whom would not have the means to hold traditional Christmas festivities on their own.

As a result of the Blue Santa program, more than \$3,000 in donated funds were generated, in addition to dozens of new toys, including some 90 bicycles provided through the Elves and More Program. The cash donations were used to purchase additional toys, all of which were distributed to less fortunate families by La Porte's Neighborhood Center and the City's Jennie Riley Community Center.

La Porte Police Department stresses that it is through local teamwork, such as the Blue Santa and Elves and More Programs, that we can all make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

For more information on any of La Porte Police Department's community outreach initiatives, including the CPAAA, Blue Santa, and Elves and More Programs, contact the Support Services Division at 281-842-3162 or 281-842-3183.